

Hello,

My name is Mary Buchanan and I live and vote in Madison, CT, 06443. I'm writing in support of both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 to continue absentee voting in 2022 in Connecticut. Frankly, I would support this even if we weren't still in the middle of a pandemic, as voting is a right and people should be able to vote on their own schedules (especially as many of us do not get Election Day off from work). But the need is especially great this year because of the continuing risk of COVID-19. The option to vote by absentee ballot will help to protect people who are particularly vulnerable by enabling them to stay home, and will protect everyone else by lowering the density of people physically present at the polls on Election Day.

People should not have to choose between personal safety and exercising their right to vote, especially not in Connecticut. Please protect the freedom to vote and pass S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mary Buchanan  
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